

MODERN JONAH.

Men who Visit the Interior of Whales. Their Cases Differ Slightly From Jonah's.

Captain S. A. Swinnerton, having sailed the sea for many years, is now keeper of Lightship No. 22, off Noank, Conn. During his sea life Captain Swinnerton was a whaler, says the New York Herald. Naturally he knows other whalers, and when he read Dr. Lyman Abbott's sermon on Jonah and the whale he was thoughtful of the captain of the whaling ship, Captain James R. Davis, of Noank, a retired whaling captain, who was five years old, who has been five times a Jonah, which is Captain Davis' own way of saying he has lived in the bellies of five different whales.

Unfortunately for the strictest possible application of Captain Davis' experiences to the scriptural story, but no doubt fortunate for Captain Davis himself, his whales were dead. But he was in them, of that there is no doubt, and he has lived to smoke a pipe and tell about it, and Captain Swinnerton tells the story of his friend's experience thus:

"I dined yesterday with a man, now seventy-five years of age, who has been in the bellies of five different whales. He is Captain James R. Davis, of Noank, Conn., and this was done when he was a young man of twenty-three years of age. He was one of the crew of the whaling ship Tiger, Captain William Brewster, of Stonington, Conn., which left that place in 1845, sailed direct around the Horn to the whaling grounds of the Pacific. Arrived at the ship called to Magdalena Bay, the Lower California coast. The whaling whales use it as a breeding ground and are found here in great numbers. The cow whales float up on the sandy shore in the still waters and when the tides fall the young whales are born on the beach. The calf when born is a fluke-bellied like a hump, and it is several days before this book straightens out completely to use it to swim.

"The mother whale will swim about the calf until her baby gets the crook out of its tail and then teaches it to swim. The cow whale when about to calve is very fat and valuable and yields about forty barrels of oil from the blubber and several barrels from the inside heart fat and that about the liver and entrails.

"The mother whales never desert their young and thus become easy captures. After being killed they are towed along-side the ship. A cutting-in chain is fastened to the side fin, a tackle from it to the mainyard hauled tight and one strip of blubber cut into. This is called a blanket piece. The rib is cut at the backbone and the blanket piece and the ribs are hauled up from the carcass, leaving a hole in the upper part of the body just back of the head.

"A man enters this hole and cuts all the fatty substance from about the head, which is shaped like a chicken's gizzard, but from two feet to thirty inches in diameter.

"Captain Davis told me that he was in a different whale each day for five days, being inside each mammal about an hour doing this work, and that it is a common custom for a whaler to be for a time a Jonah in the whale's stomach."

"Captain Davis has been a Jonah on five different occasions. Now, if a young man of twenty-three years can live in a whale's stomach, even though the whale be dead, why could not the Jonah of the Bible live three days and as many nights in that famed whale of scripture? Captain Davis' five whales had not been dead very long when he was in them."

CIGARS TO GO UP

As an Effect of the Cuban War—Clear Havana as to Advance.

Portland, Oregonian: How much longer the cigar dealers will be able to stand the pressure and put clear Havana cigars over the counters at old prices is a question that is interesting the cigar-smoking public. Thus far there have been two advances on prices to the trade; yet none of the local dealers have put up the retail price, and all of them have cut their customers' cigars long as their present prices hold out, they will maintain the old prices. But stocks have been heavily drawn upon during the last three months and now, according to advices received yesterday from J. D. Meyer, who is in Tampa, Florida, another advance in price is imminent. Mr. Meyer wired yesterday:

"The tobacco market is in very bad shape. The factories are working only half crews on account of no tobacco. Prices will advance much higher in a short time."

One local dealer, who is finding difficulty in getting clear Havana goods, is making arrangements to supply his customers with Mexican wrapped cigars. At present a prejudice exists against Mexican wrapped cigars, but the exigencies of the situation have brought out a high grade of Mexican wrapper that is considered an excellent substitute for the clear Havana wrapper.

Hubby Wasn't Proud.

Two of the smallest men in the city were standing at the curbstone waiting for a car. The conversation had been about the traditional feminine tendency to extravagance, and the difficulty they had in keeping their domestic expenditures down to what they considered a reasonable limit.

"There they are now!" exclaimed one of them.

"Our wives. And I'll bet they've been shopping."

"They seem to be talking very earnestly about spending something."

"I'll bet I can tell what my wife is talking about."

"Are you a mind reader?"

"No. But I can make a guess on the subject. I'll bet you a dinner I can, anyhow."

"I'll take it."

"All right. She's talking about spending money. We'll go up behind them and overhear what they are saying to find out."

They crossed the street, and the originator of the idea smiled knowingly as his wife opened her purse and peered into it. "My dear," she said to her companion, "have you any change?"

"Yes, a little."

"Well, would you mind lending me a penny to buy a postal card?"

"Certainly, if I have one. Oh, yes! Here it is."

"Thank you ever so much. I have five cents, but I hate to use it. A nickel always seems to go so fast after you once break it."

The man who offered the water had been told that for some reason he didn't feel proud.—Washington Star.

The Parrot and What Came of It.

Stealthily he crept up behind the young man as he drew near the magnificent mansion upon the famous avenue. He was tall and handsome and a happy look overspread his features.

It was clear that he did not suspect that he was being followed, and, as he turned into the path that led up through the spacious lawn and wound about among the noble old trees, he hurried on a love song that he had learned in his youth. James Bellington was going that night to propose to Laura Dalrymple, the daughter of the great iron king.

Upon the face of the young woman who followed the handsome knight there was a look of grim determination. She held a looking glass in one of her hands, but kept it so well concealed beneath her long cloak that a casual observer could not have seen what it was.

Cat-like she followed him up the path and, when he stood in the spacious vestibule waiting to be admitted into the presence of his loved one, his pursuer lingered near by, in the shadow of one of the mighty oaks.

It was apparent that she was somewhat nervous, yet the look of determination did not fade from her countenance.

Just James Bellington was admitted. Then the woman who had followed him rushed to the side of the house, and stealthily let her way along until she came to one of the parlor windows. The shade had not been drawn down

very carefully, and through the wide crack that had been left at the bottom, she could see the lovers inside.

"The hour of my triumph is at hand," she muttered, and hurriedly drawing from beneath her cloak the mysterious something that she had carried there, she prepared to act.

But she didn't shoot. No! she was in the service of the "new journalism," and had been sent out to write up James Bellington's proposal.

Her account of the affair was three columns long, and she had sketched the loving couple in eight different positions. This sent the circulation of their paper up to the 5,000 mark, and she was rewarded with a \$25 bill and some personal attentions from the proprietor that cannot, owing to a lack of space, be recounted at this time.—Cleveland Leader.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, March 29.—Money on call easy at 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 per cent; last loan 1 1/2 per cent; closed offered at 1 1/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3 1/4 to 4 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$1 7 1/2 to \$1 7 3/4 for demand and at \$1 5 1/2 to \$1 6 for sixty days; posted rates \$1 5 1/2 and \$1 5 3/4; commercial bills \$1 4 1/2. Silver certificates 61 to 61 1/2. Bar silver 63 1/2.

The week opened with a continuance of the downward movement of prices which has been in evidence since last Tuesday, when the decision in the trans-Missouri case first influenced the trading on the exchange. The same influence was still powerfully at work and the apprehensions of security holders regarding its effects were intensified by the news of rate reductions by Missouri Pacific and St. Paul after their withdrawal from traffic associations. The exceedingly uncertain tenure of confidence manifested in the prices on the London exchange was also reflected here, especially at the opening and the trading opened with a veritable rush downward of prices. The low level thus quickly reached invited covering, and prices recovered somewhat, but were soon tending downward again. Stop orders were uncovered by the constant fall in values and very large holdings of many stocks were thrown over. The lowest point was reached in the morning hour and after noon a struggling improvement set in, which resulted in a partial recovery in many stocks.

The transactions were largely, especially on the morning decline, and there were heavy dealings for professional account, but large amounts of long stock also came out. The outside buying movement which was started by the Lake Shore refunding bond issue and the accompanying purchases of Vantage blue preferred for inside speculation, has been entirely suspended. The Vanderbilts scored sharp losses to-day, though the sales were not large. Canada Southern lost 1/4; Northwest 1/4; Lake Shore 2; New York Central 1/4; Omaha 1; C. C. & St. Louis 1; Chesapeake & Ohio 1/2 per cent. Lake Shore recovered 1/4 and New York Central 1/2 per cent.

Michigan Central sold at 81, against 89 for the last previous sale, though it had in the meantime been bid down by steps. The low priced shares cut quite a figure in the selling, the Goulds particularly. Missouri Pacific broke 3/4 per cent on reports that that road had cut the rate of freight on eggs, but recovered 1/4 per cent on subsequent denial. The price at the decline was 1 1/2 per cent, the lowest on record.

The international stocks all displayed weakness in sympathy with London.

The Grangers suffered from the general depression. Rock Island losing 3/4 per cent and St. Paul and Burlington each 1/4 per cent. Burlington alone of the group rallied to the extent of a point on the favorable showing of the February statement, with its increase of surplus earnings of nearly \$200,000. The Grangers were nearly all more or less under pressure or manipulation by the bears. Sugar, Tobacco, Bay State Gas, Chicago Gas, General Electric, Rubber and Cotton Oil losing from 1 to 2 points. The coalters were quite notably steady and strong, and the price of their relatively favored situation as regards traffic agreements. New Jersey Central and Lackawanna were two of the exceptional stocks which showed net gains on the day.

Similar net gains were made by Manhattan and United States Leather preferred. The closing was firm, at partially recovered.

The bond market participated in the depression of the stock market.

Governments were neglected at the board, but firm.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 241,659 shares.

Evening Post's London financial cablegrams.

The stock markets were dull and uninteresting to-day, prices fell of their own weight. A very pessimistic view is taken of Americans by some of the large financial houses here, but others are disposed to regard the decline as overdone.

In the backing section, however, the Paris bourse opened weak, but closed at a slight recovery. The Berlin market was flat through out.

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There are degrees of excellence in Flour as well as in other things.

Other brands of flour are undoubtedly good, still others are better, but

Pillsbury's Best

is best—the superlative degree in every quality belonging to it in the superlative degree.

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Wheeling & Lake Erie..... 1 1/2
do preferred..... 2 1/2
General Electric..... 1 1/2
U. S. Leather preferred..... 1 1/2
Tobacco..... 1 1/2
do preferred..... 1 1/2

Breadstuffs and Provisions.

CHICAGO—Bad crop reports and a renewal of the European war scare made a strong wheat market to-day, but the lightness of the trade prevented much advance, the May option closing 1/2 higher. Corn had a sudden bulge and closed 1/2 higher. Oats advanced 1/4 and provisions closed 1/2 lower to 3/4 higher.

Wheat started firm notwithstanding some matters of discouraging character. The amount of wheat on passage decreased only 400,000 bushels last week, notwithstanding the fact that the quantity put afloat in that time, from all countries was only 3,725,000 bushels. Becham's reports of the world's shipments for the week made the total 4,700,000 bushels. The latter feature of the week's international trade was one of the reasons for the opening strength, although the firmness was principally attributed to a 1/4 decline in British consols and louder rumblings from the war threatened East. Northwest receipts were very heavy, but this feature of the morning's news was almost entirely ignored. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 444 cars against 394 last week and 535 on the corresponding day last year. Chicago receipts were 14 cars and 30,000 bushels were withdrawn from store. Opened sales of May were made at 73 1/2 to 74 1/2, compared with Saturday's closing price of 73 1/2. For over an hour the market ruled very dull and the extent of the fluctuations was from 7 1/2 to 7 3/4, but the highest of these quotations was exceeded after the visible statement was published. The latter, which at 11 a. m. would not have stirred the trade much, but about the same time snow crop report was given out, making the general average condition for winter wheat 83.5 against 87 a year ago and remarking that the present is the lowest April condition on record except that of 1885. Snows at arm at this and brought in a considerable portion of long wheat, which caused May to advance to 73 1/2. During the last hour, some reaction occurred on crop reports of a different tenor. May closed steady at 73 1/2.

Corn surprised the scalpers in the middle of the session by doing some exciting work. Shorts, influenced by bad reports as to the condition of country stocks, tried to cover but found none to buy. Buyers for the long account made their appearance and prices went up in a hurry. A good demand amounted to 775,000 bushels. May opened a shade higher at 24 1/2, sold sparingly at 24 1/2 to 24 3/4, rose to 25 and closed at 24 3/4 bid.

Oats were quiet and uninteresting during the greater part of the day. The feeling was firm, but no advance took place. At 11 a. m. in session, when shorts taking their cue from the corn pit bought freely. Seaboard clearances were 160,000 bushels. May opened a shade higher at 17 1/2, advanced to 17 3/4 and closed steady at 17 1/2 to 17 3/4.

Provisions opened heavy at sharp declines, and the market was decidedly one of hope and ruled weak during the greater part of the session. The firmness in grain finally infused more confidence in traders and a reaction set in near the end, which was, however, more pronounced in lard and ribs than in pork. At 4 p. m. the May pork was about 1 1/2 higher at 43 1/2 to 43 3/4, and May ribs unchanged at 44 1/2.

Estimated receipts Tuesday: Wheat 35 cars; corn 170 cars; oats 185 cars; hogs 16,000.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
Wheat No. 2	71 1/2	72 1/4	71 1/4	72 1/4
March	71 1/2	72 1/4	71 1/4	72 1/4
May	71 1/2	72 1/4	71 1/4	72 1/4
Sept.	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Corn No. 2	24 1/2	25 1/4	24 1/4	25 1/4
March	24 1/2	25 1/4	24 1/4	25 1/4
May	24 1/2	25 1/4	24 1/4	25 1/4
Sept.	26 1/2	27 1/4	26 1/4	27 1/4
Oats No. 2	17 1/2	17 3/4	17 1/4	17 3/4
May	17 1/2	17 3/4	17 1/4	17 3/4
July	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Meat Pork	42 1/2	43 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2
May	42 1/2	43 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2
July	42 1/2	43 1/2	42 1/2	43 1/2
Lard	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
May	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
July	41 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
Short Ribs	40 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
May	40 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2
July	40 1/2	41 1/2	40 1/2	41 1/2

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—Dull.
Wheat—No. 2 spring 73 1/2 to 74 1/2; No. 2 spring 72 1/2 to 73 1/2; No. 2 winter 71 1/2 to 72 1/2; No. 2 yellow 24 1/2 to 25 1/2.
Oats—No. 2 17 1/2; No. 2 white 20 1/2 to 21 1/2; No. 2 17 1/2 to 18 1/2.
Rye—No. 2 36 1/2 to 37 1/2; No. 2 36 1/2 to 37 1/2.
Flaxseed—No. 1 76 1/2 to 77 1/2; No. 2 75 1/2 to 76 1/2.
Timothyseed—Prime 62 1/2 to 63 1/2.
Sugar—Mess, per barrel 35 1/2 to 36 1/2.
Lard—Per 100 lbs. 41 1/2 to 42 1/2.
Short-Ribs—Sides (loose) 41 1/2 to 42 1/2.
Shoulders (boxed) 41 1/2 to 42 1/2.
Short clear sides (boxed) 41 1/2 to 42 1/2.
Whisky—Distiller's finished goods, per gallon 51 1/2.
Butter—Cut loaf unchanged.
Butter—Firm; creameries 15 1/2 to 16 1/2; dairies 16 1/2 to 17 1/2.
Cheese—Extra 10 1/2 to 11 1/2.
Eggs—Weak; fresh 8 1/2 to 9 1/2.

NEW YORK—Flour, receipts 22,716 barrels; exports 40,839 barrels; market quiet, but steady at 10 1/2 to 11 1/2. Minnesota bakst patent 4 1/2 to 4 3/4; Minnesota bakst 3 1/2 to 3 3/4. Wheat, receipts 49,950 bushels; exports 100,940; spot market firmly held; No. 2 red 81 1/2; options opened steady on war news and bullish crop advices and closed unsettled, with March 1/2 up and later months 1/2 higher to 1 1/2. Oats, receipts 100,000 bushels; exports 44,550 bushels; market 8 1/2 to 8 3/4; options opened steady on war news and bullish crop advices and closed unsettled, with March 1/2 up and later months 1/2 higher to 1 1/2. Sugar, receipts 4,550 bushels; exports 8,024 bushels; spot market firm; No. 2, 30c; steamer yellow 29 1/2; ungraded yellow 29 1/2; steamer mixed 29 1/2; No. 3, 29c; options opened steady and closed 1/2 net higher; May closed at 30 1/2. Oats, receipts 206,800 bushels; exports 141,335 bushels; spot market steady; No. 2, 22c; options were quiet and closed at 1/2 net advance; May closed at 21 1/2. Hay quiet. Hops quiet. Hides steady. Leather firm. Cattle quiet. Lard inactive. Pork easy. Tallow quiet. Beef steady. Roast quiet. Turkeys

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the quiet, Molasses firm. Coffee, options opened steady and unchanged to 5 points lower and closed steady and unchanged to 5 points decline; sales 4,750 bags. Sugar, raw firm; refined firm; Mould A 4 1/2; confectioners' A 4 1/2; cutloaf 5 1/2; crushed 5 1/2; powdered 4 1/2; granulated 4 1/2; cubes 4 1/2. Cottonseed oil dull and barely steady.

BALTIMORE—Flour dull; western super 3 60 to 3 90; winter wheat patent 4 50 to 4 85; spring do 4 25 to 4 50; re-celips 4 75 barrels; exports 103 barrels. Wheat dull; spot 45 1/2; receipts 17,631 bushels; exports 4,800 barrels; southern wheat by sample 55 to 58c. Corn firm; spot 23 1/2 to 24 1/2; May 23 1/2 to 24 1/2; steamer mixed 23 1/2 to 24 1/2; receipts 134,438 bushels; exports 41,833 bushels; southern white corn 20 1/2 to 21 1/2; do yellow 20 1/2 to 21 1/2. Oats firm; No. 1 white 20 1/2 to 21 1/2; No. 2 mixed 20 1/2 to 21 1/2; receipts 13,332 bushels; exports none. Rye steady; No. 2, 25c and 40c; receipts 4,533 bushels; exports none. Hay quiet; choice timothy 21 1/2 to 22 1/2. Butter firm; fancy creamery 29 1/2 to 30 1/2. Eggs steady; fresh 30c. Cheese steady; fancy New York 12 1/2 to 13 1/2.

CINCINNATI—Flour steady; fancy 4 10 to 4 30; family 3 50 to 3 70. Wheat easy; No. 2 red 90c; receipts 11,500 bushels; shipments 4,500 bushels. Corn firm; No. 2 mixed 55c. Oats active; No. 2 mixed 21c. Rye quiet; No. 2 46 to 47c. Lard in fair demand at 44 to 45. Bulkmeats firm at 4 50 to 4 60. Bacon firm at 5 00 to 5 10. Whiskey active and higher; sales 824 barrels on basis of 1 1/2 for spirit. Butter firm and unchanged. Sugar firm; hard refined 35 1/2 to 36 1/2. Eggs quiet; choice 21c. Cheese firm; good to prime Ohio flat 10 1/2 to 11 1/2.

TOLEDO—Wheat, dull and steady; No. 1 cash 91c; to arrive 91 1/2c; May 92c. Corn, firm and higher; No. 2 mixed 24 1/2c. Oats, active and steady; No. 2 mixed 18c. Rye, dull and lower; No. 2 cash 36 1/2c. Cloverseed active and steady; prime cash and March 35 1/2c.

Live Stock.

CHICAGO—In cattle there was a fairly active demand and strictly choice cattle showed considerable strength but the general run sold at an average reduction of 10c per 100 pounds. Sales were at 33 1/2 to 34 1/2 for the poorest dressed beef, up to 50 1/2 to 51 1/2 for choice to prime cattle with fancy lots quotable as high as 55. The bulk of the cattle sold at 34 1/2 to 35 1/2 and exporters continued good buyers at 34 1/2 to 35 1/2. The stockers and feeder trade was active at an aspect, the offerings and demand for choice, feeders to shipment to Ohio. Canners again sold at low prices but fat cows and heifers continued to sell actively at the best prices of the season. Bulls were unchanged and so were calves and Texas fed cattle.

Receipts: Hogs were unexpectedly large and reductions of 5 to 10c per 100 pounds, last Saturday's quotations resulted. Heavy packing lots sold at 37 1/2 to 38 1/2 and the best heavy hogs brought 41 1/2 to 42 1/2, the bulk of the hogs selling at 41 1/2 to 42 1/2. The market closed about 10c